



Oroville School District

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Dear Oroville School District Students and Parents/Legal Guardians,

We know that the Coronavirus (COVID-19) has become a daily topic of discussion, and that an increase in news reports about infections in the U.S. have begun to raise more concern. The District would like to provide families information regarding Coronavirus, how it impacts us in Oroville, and what measures the District has been taking.

Information about the virus:

We continue to monitor updates about the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Information provided by Washington State Health Department (WSHD) and Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is being used to inform district decisions about addressing concerns stemming from the virus.

Current COVID-19 updates can be found at:

- Washington State Health Department: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/>
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/>

The health and safety of our students is our first priority and is at the heart of our decision-making. Contingency planning has been underway using information from local, state and federal healthcare officials to prepare for and respond to any situation that may impact our schools and families.

Preventative measures:

At present, there is no treatment for the respiratory disease resulting from Coronavirus, but vaccine trials are underway. Much like the flu, the best defense for preventing illness and the spread of the virus is to practice the following universal precautions: Practice Routine Hygiene, Stay Home When You are Sick, and Communicate.

Practice Routine Hygiene:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

More in-depth information about handwashing can be found at:

- Washington State Health Department: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/Schools/EnvironmentalHealth/handwashing>
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/>
- Cover your coughs/sneezes. Cough and sneeze into the crease of your arm, and avoid coughing and sneezing into your hands where a virus can be later spread. Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay up-to-date on immunizations.

Stay Home When You are Sick and Communicate:

- Stay home when you or your student(s) are feeling ill or experience any degree of symptoms.
- Symptoms of COVID-19 are similar to influenza: fever, cough and shortness of breath. Less common symptoms: sore throat, diarrhea.

- Symptoms range from mild to severe, with the majority of confirmed victims having mild symptoms.
- The incubation median is 5 days (range is 2 – 14 days).
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Communicate with your healthcare providers for medical attention and/or advice when necessary. When in doubt, go to/contact your doctor.
 - Washington State Health Department COVID-19 Hotline: 1-800-525-0127, then #

Buildings are expected to uphold district attendance policies:

- OSD Attendance Policies/Procedures can be found in your student’s handbook or on the district website at: http://oroville.ss19.sharpschool.com/district_office_home/policies
- Communicate with your school office to excuse your child’s absences:
 - Elementary Office: 509-476-3332
 - Junior High/High School: 509-476-3612

Routine and Deep Cleaning:

As per any flu and cold season, it is always a good practice to wipe down and sanitize surface areas. Please know that our custodial team has a routine cleaning regiment. The District routinely uses a disinfectant that is effective against viruses. The District is well stocked with the disinfectant. In addition to the daily disinfecting regiment currently in place, a plan is in place to "deep clean" district buildings weekly to help stay ahead of any potential issues/concerns.

School Trips:

At this time there are no changes to school trips scheduled to take place in the coming weeks. We will continue to monitor the recommendations of the CDC and WSHD regarding restricted travel zones and will communicate any changes with students and families who would be impacted regarding specific trips.

Emergency School Closures:

Similar to other emergency situations that may disrupt normal school operations, the Oroville School District Emergency Response Team, largely consisting of its administrative staff, will continue to closely monitor the situation as it evolves, as well as seek the recommendations provided by regional, state and federal healthcare experts, in order to benefit the health and wellness of our students and staff. In the event of a district-wide "emergency" closure resulting from an outbreak, the students, parents, and staff will be notified using the communication tools typically used when faced with adverse weather conditions. These include: email, district website, district Facebook page, School Messenger and local media sources. Please note the that school district would request a waiver for the “closed” school days from OSPI.

In the event of an extended district-wide "emergency" closure, the Oroville staff would attempt to engage students through a remote school experience using the district's available technology and alternative learning experience policies.

In both cases, it is critical that you contact your school office to update any changes to your contact information. Additionally, the District uses School Messenger as one means to communicate critical information about school operations, which can send you information via text messages. In order to receive informative text messages through School Messenger you must indicate your willingness to receive text messages to your mobile phone. The process is simple and only takes a few seconds to complete. Simply text any one of the following words to the number 67587: subscribe, opt-in, yes.

Thoughtfully,

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